

Minutes of the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission

September 15, 2009

7:30 PM Conference 10
Government Center
12000 Government Center
Pkwy. Fairfax, Virginia
22035
Chairman Fee, presiding

Attendance:

Commissioners: Boyd,
Douskalis, Fee, Hine, Mrowka, Rosier,
Roark

Absent:

Commissioners: Bahhur,
Belkowitz, Hargraves, Kirk,
Nguyen

Staff:

Michael S. Liberman,
Director Cable
Communication and
Consumer Protection
Steve Sinclair, Chief, Public Utilities
Branch Susan C. Jones, Chief, Consumer
Affairs Branch Scotty Scott,
Communications Analyst
Communications, Policy and
Regulation

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Fee.

Minutes

The minutes of the July 21, 2009, meeting were approved.

Report of the Chairman

Chairman Fee introduced the newest CPC member, George Bounacos.

Chairman Fee informed commissioners that the Virginia Supreme Court will be hearing the Trespass Towing Advisory Board issue.

Report of the Director

Director Liberman received an email from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration requesting Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Peer Reviewers. Director Liberman will forward this information to the commissioners.

Director Liberman informed the commissioners that candidates for the Lawrence V. Fowler Award are due by October 1, 2009.

Director Liberman expanded on the previous discussion of several television stations during the digital transition.

Commission Matters

Commissioner Boyd had no matter to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Douskalis spoke about Bank of America's quick response concerning a data compromise while he was on travel.

Commissioner Hine had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Roark had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Rosier had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Bounacos had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Mrowka had no matters to bring before the commission.

Old Business

The trial involving the City of Falls Church and Fairfax Water Authority is currently heard.

New Business

1. Overview of the Town of Vienna responses

Scotty Scott, Communications Analyst, Communications, Policy and Regulation, presented a preliminary report on the Town of Vienna Water System that included population and land use, customers, infrastructure, rates, cost of service, impact on real property tax rate, source of water provider, change in provider, life-span of the pipes, breaks and repairs, fund transfers, Fairfax Water proposal, and the upcoming evaluation study on Vienna's entire water and sewer system.

A discussion ensued on the information provided by the Town of Vienna, obligation of the CPC to protect the rights of county residents and the impact on the report to the BOS. Staff plans to request further information from the Town of Vienna

Director Liberman outlined the agenda for the upcoming CPC meetings. He announced that the water rate survey will be posted online tomorrow. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.